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## Two Charged in ATM Fraud Scheme in Burbank and Torrance

Two men have been charged with stealing thousands of dollars from two banks after allegedly placing skimming devices at ATMs in Burbank and Torrance, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Ferenc Szekely (dob 4/23/74) and Alexsandru Barbu (dob 9/6/61) each face six felony counts in case GA099561: one count of possession of multiple personal identifying information of 10 and more persons and five counts of second-degree commercial burglary.

Arraignment is scheduled for Sept. 2 in Department 1 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Burbank Branch.

The felony complaint charges the two defendants with stealing cash from bank ATMs between Aug. 14 and 29.

Szekely and Barbu are accused of placing devices that scan information from the debit or credit card's magnetic strip and then using the stolen information to create cloned ATM cards to steal more than \$85,000, prosecutors said.

If convicted as charged, both defendants face a possible maximum sentence of six years and four months in local custody.

The case remains under investigation by the Burbank Police Department.

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